

**In the claims:**

**Please amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A method of [monitoring] billing for real time transcription of spoken words [word] to a textual format comprising:
- communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;
  - identifying, by the remote system, the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto;
  - communicating, by the remote system, to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a predetermined amount of transcription;
  - transcribing, by the computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time; and
  - disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing [transcription] after the predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

**Please add the following new claims:**

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising charging by the remote system a credit card for the predetermined amount of transcription.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing after a payment is made to the remote system.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the enabling is responsive to a communication from the remote system.

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7. The method of claim 1 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time of transcription, number of words transcribed, and number of pages transcribed.

8. A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

transcribing, by a computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time;

monitoring by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing; and

disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time of transcription, number of words transcribed and number of pages transcribed.

11. The method of claim 8 further comprising:  
communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system;  
identifying by the remote system the computer aided transcription system  
communicatively coupled thereto; and

communicating by the remote system to the computer aided transcription system an  
authorization for a further predetermined amount of transcription; and  
enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the communicating is responsive to payment for the further predetermined amount of transcription.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein payment is made pursuant to at least one of a credit card payment to and a bill generated by the remote system.

14. The method of claim 8 further comprising:  
communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system;  
and  
generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

15. A method of billing for transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;  
transcribing by the computer aided transcription system representations of spoken words to text;

communicating by the computer aided transcription system the text to the remote system;

communicatively coupling a terminal to the remote system;

communicating by the remote system at least a portion of the text to the terminal; and  
monitoring by the remote system the communicating of the text to the terminal.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising generating a bill based on the monitoring.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the monitoring comprises determining one of the amount of time the remote system is communicating text to the terminal, the number of pages of transcript the remote system is communicating to the terminal, and the number of words the remote system is communicating to the terminal.

18. The method of claim 15 further comprising storing by the remote system in memory the text communicated from the computer aided transcription system.